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SUBJECT: SOUTH VIETNAMESE INTEREST IN RELATIONS WITH OMAN

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1. OFFHAND WE DOUBT OMANGOV WOULD SHOW INTEREST IN OPENING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH VIETNAM, MAINLY BECAUSE IT HAS NO TRADE OR OTHER TYPES OF BILATERAL TIES WITH SAIGON, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HERE HAVE SPOKEN OCCASIONALLY OF WANTING TO OPEN RELATIONS WITH ONE OR TWO MUSLIM STATES IN EAST ASIA, BUT EVEN THERE NO CONCRETE ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN YET.

2. WE SEE NO REASON WHY AMBASSADOR MY SHOULD NOT TRY TO INTEREST ZAWAWI IN THIS QUESTION, BUT WE WOULD NOT EXPECT HIM TO GET VERY FAR (EVEN THOUGH OMAN DOUBTLESS WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST POSTURE WHENEVER VIETNAMESE MATTERS ARISE IN UN OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA).
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